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## BRITISH FILM INDUSTRY'S NEW ENTERPRISE.

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#### DISTRIBUTION OF BEST LONDON TALKIES.

#### PERFECT SOUND.

That Hongkong and the Far East generally, will soon see regular programmes of the latest British talking-films, is an announcement which the *Telegraph* is able to make to-day, on information gathered from those closely connected with what is undoubtedly one of the epoch-making movements in the film business in this part of the world.

A new Company, formed for the essential purpose of bringing to film patrons in the Far East the best British productions, is now complete.

Its head office will be at Hongkong, and its directorate consists of the heads of several local banks, and other prominent business men. As it is a private limited liability company, and as its incorporation is not yet formally complete, the actual names of the prime movers of the concern are not to be divulged, but the name of the Company will be China Theatre Enterprises Ltd.

The distribution of the best British films will be directly under its supervision, not only for Hongkong, but for the whole of the Far East, including Japan, China, Siam, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies. Besides distributing the films to existing theatres, the company has plans in hand for building first-class theatres of its own, and one of the first of these to be undertaken will be a theatre-de-luxe in Kowloon, the site for which has already been chosen.

#### National Importance.

That Hongkong should become the centre of such an important enterprise is due not only to its central position, but because the spread of British films is regarded as of such great importance to British trade and prestige that its development is considered to be best fostered from the Colony that is reckoned the strategic British commercial stronghold of the Orient. The inception of the Company, it was learned to-day, has been by no means a sudden move, but is the result of months of study of the situation by both local capitalists and by the principals of the British film industry at Home.

Careful inquiries have been made in each country of the Far East as to the class of film required, the methods adopted by the American concerns who have had more or less their own way with the moving-picture business, and the circumstances of each circuit of theatres to be supplied. The result is that in a few weeks time, regular programmes of all British productions will be available to theatre-goers, and the wealth of the material be kind British literature and historical stage productions, via the talkie film will be reproduced in Far Eastern Theatres.

#### British Acoustic System.

Another activity, just as important as the distribution of British films, which China Theatre Enterprises has undertaken, will be the distribution of what is known as the British Acoustic system of reproduction of talkies in the theatres themselves. The equipment of theatres for talkies has been so far largely in American hands in the Far East, and most of the theatres have taken the Western Electric system.

Ten months ago, the British Acoustic apparatus was perfected, and it has created a veritable furor in Great Britain and on the Continent. Since that time over 300 theatres have been installed with what is regarded as the most perfect system of reproduction that science can at present evolve.

The combined brains of the experts of the Marconi Company, the British Gaumont Corporation, His Master's Voice Gramophone Company, and the principal cinema companies were commanded to produce a system which would surpass anything yet produced, and the re-

## ANXIETY IN ROYAL FAMILY.

### PRINCESS BEATRICE NOW SERIOUSLY ILL.

#### ACUTE BRONCHITIS.

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### MRS. BRUCE IN ANOTHER MISHAP.

#### Plane Turns Turtle in Take Off At Baltimore.

#### SLIGHTLY INJURED.

Baltimore, Jan. 27.

Mrs. Victor Bruce, who has met with a succession of mishaps and adventures since embarking on her long flight some months ago, was injured to-day when her plane overturned as the British lady flier was taking-off for Washington.

Later.

It transpires that Mrs. Bruce escaped lightly, her injuries consisting of little more than slight cuts and bruises.

*Reuter's American Service.*

Her Royal Highness's condition is not without anxiety.

The Princess Beatrice is the mother of the Queen of Spain and of the Marquis of Carisbrooke.

*Reuter and British Wireless.*

## THE TARIFF TRUCE FARCE.

### CONVENTION FAILS OWING TO NON-RATIFICATION.

London, Jan. 27.

Replying to a batch of questions in the House of Commons on the subject of the Tariff Truce Convention, Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, stated that eleven countries, including Great Britain, had ratified the Convention.

The time limit for ratification expired on the 25th instant and no provision had been made for the extension of the time limit.

He was unable to explain, he said, why Britain's chief commercial competitors had failed to ratify.

The question of bringing the Convention into force had been post-

#### COTTON DISPUTE.

### PRIME MINISTER TO MEET BOTH SIDES.

London, Jan. 27.

The Prime Minister has invited representatives of the Weavers' Amalgamation and Employers' Organizations to meet him on Thursday for the purpose of informing himself personally of the position regarding the dispute in the cotton industry.

*British Wireless.*

#### THE SCHNEIDER CUP.

London, Jan. 27. The Prime Minister to-night received a deputation of members of Parliament interested in securing British entry for the Schneider Cup Race.

## DEATH OF MR. A. DYER BALL.

### PASSES AWAY WHILE IN ENGLAND.

#### MANY YEARS IN HONGKONG GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

#### ORDINANCE EDITOR.

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the late Mr. Dyer Ball was twice married, his first wife passing away some few years ago. Later, he married Miss Robinson, a sister of Mrs. A. B. Raworth of Hongkong. There is one son by the first marriage, a young lad who is still at school in England. The utmost sympathy will be felt for the widow and child in their heavy bereavement.

It was in January, 1927 that Mr. Dyer Ball left the Hongkong Government service on promotion as Legal Draughtsman in the Attorney-General's Office in Ceylon. He had served in Hongkong for some twelve years and during that time he showed himself to be a most capable official, whilst he won much popularity in social life amongst a wide circle of friends.

F.M.S. Service.

A son of the late Mr. Dyer Ball, the well-known authority on things Chinese, the deceased gentleman was born in 1888. He was educated at Mill Hill School and Exeter College, Oxford, when he took his B.A. degree in 1911. He was a keen sportsman and whilst at Oxford won his half-blue for hockey. He was appointed a Cadet in the same year and was sick in indifferent health, having been sick on and off. Latterly he had been staying with friends at 324, Canton Road, and it was while there that he became seriously ill, passing away at 10 o'clock yesterday morning before he could be removed to hospital.

The late Mr. Brodie, who was 41 years of age, was unmarried.

Hongkong Career.

It was in 1915 that Mr. Dyer Ball was transferred to Hongkong as a Passed Cadet and, on his arrival here, he was made Acting Assistant District Officer. He passed an examination in Hakka and later acted as District Officer at Taipo. In the succeeding years, Mr. Dyer Ball acted as Police Magistrate and was attached to the Imports and Exports Department and also the Colonial Secretary's office. In 1919 he was, for a time, Acting Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Council and he also acted as Clerk to the General Military Service Tribunal. In June, 1920, he was called to the Bar, and, after having been appointed as Second Police Magistrate, was made Assistant Attorney General.

Mr. Dyer Ball was later most closely associated with the Courts of Justice, but he later also served for short spells in the Colonial Secretariat and at one time was Acting Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor. In 1924 he acted as Pulse Judge for several months and in 1926 was Official Receiver in Bankruptcy.

For some time later, Mr. Dyer Ball acted as Attorney General, Sir Joseph Kemp being engaged on other duties.

One of the works by which Mr. Dyer Ball will best be remembered in Hongkong will be his edition of the Ordinances of Hongkong, 1884-1923, the work of editing calling for much legal technical skill and hard work. At the meeting of the Legislative Council which sanctioned the publication of the volume, high tributes were paid to the Editor's service.

*Reuter's American Service.*

## NEW MOTOR ROAD READY.

### OPENING AT END OF THE WEEK.

#### MAY ROAD BOON.

From the end of this week, mid-level residents are to enjoy a boon long desired, and at last conferred, when, by means of the new thoroughfare between Bowen and May Road, they will be able to reach their residences from the City by car.

The work has taken fourteen months to complete, and has involved the widening of the foot road from the top of Garden Road, via Bowen Road, Magazine Gap, and May Road, as far as Alburgh Hall. It has cost \$160,000, and is the first part of a three-fold scheme, which embraces a direct road to the Peak, via the mid-levels to Magazine Gap, and direct connexion with the Western side of the Colony, via Conduit Road.

The two latter phases of the scheme have yet to be put in hand, but when ultimately the programme is completed this will mean a shortening of the route to the Peak by 2½ miles.

The completed road allows a thoroughfare 20 feet wide by which all vehicles can travel from the top of Garden Road to May Road. The scheme necessitated the strengthening of the Bowen Road conduit, the widening of the bridge over the Peak tramway at Bowen and May Roads, and the grading of the old road to a ruling gradient of one in eleven, to suit modern motor traffic. The total length of the road is approximately 1,600 yards, and it is surfaced with tarmacadam.

*DEATH OF SHIP'S OFFICER.*

#### MR. M. L. BRODIE PASSES AWAY.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Brodie, familiar to many as a ship's officer on the China Coast.

A native of Argyleshire, Scotland, the late Mr. Malcolm Lamont Brodie had been on the China Coast for a great number of years. Within recent years he had been in indifferent health, having been sick on and off. Latterly he had been staying with friends at 324, Canton Road, and it was while there that he became seriously ill, passing away at 10 o'clock yesterday morning before he could be removed to hospital.

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## TRADE DISPUTES ACT AGAIN DEBATED.

### LABOUR'S DEFEAT NOT EXPECTED.

#### PERTINENT QUERY BY SIR JOHN SIMON.

#### DIVISION TO-NIGHT.

London, Jan. 27. The House of Commons to-day continued the debate adjourned from last week on the second reading of the highly controversial Trade Dispute and Trades Unions (Amendment) Bill, which is being vigorously attacked by the Conservatives, and is strongly criticised by the Liberals.

The debate will go on to-morrow and will conclude with a division at eleven o'clock to-morrow night, the result of which will be awaited with the keenest interest as although the Liberal Party is officially to abstain, individual Liberals are expected to vote against the measure.

Liberal Attitude.

It is generally believed that the Government will avoid defeat, but only by a narrow margin. All depends upon the extent of Liberal rebellion to the ruling of the Party, and in this connexion, the Chief Whip states that not more than twelve Liberals will vote against the Government.

The speeches to-day centred mainly upon the legal aspect of the measure. The Government spokesman, Sir William Jowitt, contends that the Bill does not make legal any strike that was illegal in 1926, and that it is specially singles out as illegal any strike that is undertaken for political purposes.

Conservative Demand.

Sir Boyd Merriman, a leading Conservative lawyer, who was Solicitor-General in the last Government, declared that his Party and the country generally desired that the Measure should be clearly phrased to ensure that no government was ever again harassed by such an event as the General Strike of 1926.

The Lord Advocate for Scotland, Mr. Craik Aitchison, K.C., maintained, on behalf of the Government, that the Injunctions simply amended the Injunctions which the Act of 1927 imposed upon the Trades Unions, and declared that it contained nothing which interfered with the ordinary common law.

Sir John Simon's Question.

Sir John Simon, one of the keenest opponents of the Measure, asked the Government to state whether, if the events of 1926 recurred, the present Bill would make them legal or illegal.

*British Wireless.*

Mr. Arthur Hayday, M.P., the chairman of the T.U.C. General Council, recently stated:

Up to the 1927 Act Parliament had not been called upon for more than a hundred years to legislate against the trade unions. One Act after another was passed, not to restrict or disable the unions, but to define with greater legal precision their powers and responsibilities.

Parliament and Unions.

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The Mayor of Greater Shanghai, General Chung Chun, and Mr. Hwang Fu were guests at the recent Shanghai wedding of Miss C. T. Chu and Mr. F. C. Tsu.



Miss Phyllis Ackerman, is shown in a pose at a Tea Dance by the Hebrew Relief Society in Shanghai.



Our photo shows the team which will represent Shanghai rugger in the interport match in Hongkong next month. The picture was taken shortly after the Shanghai team had defeated a very strong U. S. Marines side by 8 points to 6 at the Stadium.



M. Sokolnikoff, Soviet Minister to Britain, who is said to be in trouble with his superiors.



Photo taken after the Shanghai wedding of Miss Mary Solognoff and Mr. Chester V. Manney, the Hongkong manager of Messrs. Dodge and Seymour (China) Ltd.



J. C. Bonstow, who has retired from the S. M. C. Finance Department.



Mr. M. G. Arnoux, chief of the French Municipal Secretariat, Shanghai.



Mei Lan-fang, shown in a traditional dance pose has returned to the stage. He is appearing at the Embassy Theatre in Shanghai.



In the news from Shanghai. Left to right: Miss S. M. Rodian, who lectured before the Royal Asiatic Society, Mrs. J. M. Haslett, of the Y. W. C. A., Mr. Liu, General Manager of the Union Commercial Bank, Mr. K. W. Irlc, and Mr. Frodet, Secretary of the French Chamber of Commerce.



Mr. J. M. Haslett, of the Y. W. C. A.



Mr. K. W. Irlc.



Mr. Frodet.



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TRADE DISPUTES ACT  
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of trade unionism was hampered, and some of its most essential activities were all but frustrated by the Act.

## "Obstructive and Hostile."

Our fundamental case against the Act is that it was framed in an obstructive and hostile spirit, with a punitive intention. I say nothing, though much might be said, about the mean and unwarrantable interference of one party with the finances of another and poorer party. Much might be said about the denial of the elementary right of the workers in the public services to associate with their fellow-workers in the development of common purposes. Something could be said about the encouragement which the Act gives to the non-unionist and "blackleg" who is not ashamed to take advantage of the effort and sacrifice of trade unionists in bringing about improvements in the conditions of industry.

## Fool's Paradise.

Our difficulties as a nation are surely serious enough without adding the dangers of industrial conflict, and the good will and co-operation of the workers' organisations cannot be assured as long as this Act remains on the Statute Book. Those who believe that the unions have acquiesced in the limitations which the Act imposes, and are content to rest under the stigma it casts upon them, are living in a fool's paradise.

The workers and their leaders are not blind to the significance of the growth in power and influence of the employers' organisations, and have first-hand knowledge of the problems and hardships arising from the reorganisation and rationalisation of industry under the stress of changing world conditions. Far bigger conflicts than any we have known will be brought about, whatever Parliament may say in the Act it passes. If the trade unions are held in suspicion and the auspicious and antagonisms engendered by the 1927 Act are permitted to fester in the minds of the organised workers.

The Government's Bill, I am confident, will go far to lessen the mischief caused by the 1927 Act, by re-shifting the trade unions to the position they occupied before the Act was passed.

GUNPOWDER IN A  
PARCEL.STONEBREAKER FINED AT  
KOWLOON.

Tsang Wah, a stonebreaker, who was remanded from yesterday on a charge of having had in his possession six ounces of gunpowder which he carried in a paper parcel bearing no label, was again before Mr. Butter, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Accused's master, Cheung Kong-leung, a sub-contractor, was also charged to-day with having allowed his fok to carry the gunpowder.

Man Wong, foreman to a building contractor in Prince Edward Road, said that he employed the second defendant to carry out blasting operations. The gunpowder, which the first defendant had in his possession, had not been supplied by him.

Mr. Butters discharged the second defendant and fined the first defendant \$75, or, in default, six weeks' imprisonment, on his own admission that he was carrying the powder without a permit.

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After the case had been adjourned until to-morrow morning, Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared in Court and intimated that he had been instructed to defend.



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ed himself. Equally reckless and ill-balanced is his latest assertion that the Round Table Conference was an unauthorised constituent assembly. He must surely have forgotten that the Conference was officially opened by His Majesty the King, and participated in by representatives of all the political Parties.

In commenting on the outlook some little time ago, we remarked the Gandhi could speak the word which would put an end once and for all to the civil disobedience movement and bring all parties together with the one aim of securing a united and contented India as a member of the great Commonwealth of British Nations. Now that he has been released, his opportunity has come. We can only hope that he will grasp the occasion, reveal himself as a far-sighted man, and as the *Times* recently expressed it, realise that the uphill road to self-government, which now lies open, is preferable to the slippery slope of revolution. He and his associates have been given abundant proof of the sincerity and goodwill of Britain; if they respond in a like mood, they can play a wonderful part in initiating a glorious new era for their country. We believe, with a well-known member of the Conservative Party, that now and then there comes in the affairs of men a moment when courage is safer than prudence, when some great act of faith can achieve the miracle that no arts of statesmanship can compass. Our fervent hope, shared as we believe it is by all true friends of the British Empire, is that the release of Gandhi and his colleagues will prove to come within that category of things done for a great and noble purpose.

Whilst it is early in the day to judge of the likely reactions to the release of Gandhi and his associates, all who have the welfare of the Empire at heart will hope that the experiment will be justified by results. If the brief remarks made by the Congress leader immediately he was given his freedom reflect his real frame of mind—and there seems no reason for doubting that they do—then the situation may be regarded as distinctly hopeful. He asserts that he preserves an open mind on the future, being unwilling to commit himself until he has conferred with his colleagues and the leaders of the Indian delegates to the Round Table Conference. Inasmuch as the latter are, according to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, sworn champions of the work done at the Conference and are determined to do their best to inaugurate a regime of goodwill and co-operation, there is ground for hoping that the Congress faction will come to realise that there is a better way than the course which they have hitherto followed.

So far as Britain's attitude is concerned, there must be genuine gratification felt that the Indian problem does not seem likely to be made the shuttlecock of party politics. The Prime Minister has intimated his anxiety to maintain contact with the leaders of the Liberal and Conservative Parties in the continuing negotiations, whilst Mr. Baldwin has made his own position quite clear by declaring that if he should lead the Party which succeeds Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, he would conceive it to be his duty to implement the work of the Round Table Conference by working out a Federal Constitution for All-India. This, after all, is what should be expected, since the placing of India on the road to self-government is not the work solely of the Labour Government. As the Prime Minister took occasion to point out in the House of Commons on Monday, the present policy is the natural sequel of statements made and stages reached when other Governments were in power. Incidentally, Mr. Baldwin administered a much-needed rebuke to Mr. Winston Churchill when he asserted that the latter, in his recent ill-timed outbursts, was not speaking for the Conservative Party. It is well that that point should be made perfectly clear, since we can conceive of fewer more mischievous utterances than those to which Mr. Churchill has latterly committed

## DAY BY DAY

THIS IS TRUE PHILANTHROPY, THAT BURIES NOT ITS GOLD IN OBSTINATE CHARITY, BUT BUILDS ITS HOSPITAL IN THE HUMAN HEART. *Harley.*

The P. & O. s.s. *Comorin*, from Shanghai, is due here at 8 a.m. on Friday.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan* from Hongkong arrived at London on the 25th January at 11 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. *Benwyvis*, from Home ports via Straits and Manila, is due here on February 3rd.

A water-logged junk is reported to be at Lat. 22° 18' N. and Long. 114° 44' E. It is considered to be dangerous to navigation.

Guests at the Rotary Club dinner yesterday included Mr. F. C. Millington of Shanghai, Mr. Ward, of the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, stationed at Montreal, and Dr. Lowe, of Hyderabad, India, who has been attending the Leprosy Conference at Manila.

Last week's health return shows seven cases of diphtheria (three fatal); seven of typhoid (two fatal), one being imported; as well as two non-fatal cases of scarlet fever and one each of paratyphoid and small-pox. There were 57 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

As far as could be ascertained this morning, the s.s. *Kochi*, which went aground five miles below Samshui near Campbell Island last Sunday, has not been refloated yet. The local agents said this morning that several attempts had been made to get her off.

The man and his wife who were arrested in connexion with the robbery recently at 62B, Bonham Road were both remanded by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning until Tuesday next, when the case against the man will be commenced. The hearing of a charge of receiving stolen property against the woman will be dealt with immediately the other is finished.

Fung Yiu-wan and Pui Mei-ku, husband and wife, were convicted by Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of possession of 68 lottery tickets on the second floor of 16, Nanking Street, yesterday afternoon. An additional charge of having written lottery tickets was preferred against the second defendant. The first defendant was fined \$150, or two months and the second defendant \$100 or five weeks' and \$50 or three weeks' respectively.

Ho Choi, a butcher, and eleven pork stall sellers were charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with having caused needless suffering to 27 pigs. It was alleged that the pigs were being conveyed in 24 crates in a lorry yesterday morning to the Yau Ma Tei Railway Station. The crates were piled three deep and were without matting. Seven coolies were seated on top of the crates, but they ran away on the approach of the police. All the defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$5 each.

As things are, people seem to fall into three classes—the people who get the most out of life against considerable odds (small class of exceptional individuals); people who really get nothing out of life with all the odds in their favour (i.e., who have leisure and misfortune); and the third immense class of people who haven't a natural

## GETTING THE MOST OUT OF LIFE.

By **Sylvia Thompson.**

PEOPLE are apt to expect to "get something out of life" rather than a conjurer gets rabbits and silk handkerchiefs out of an empty hat. They forget that even conjuring tricks are based on some previous work—and that the people who seem to have miraculously full and surprising lives have, at the back of all their spectacular fortunes, some special gift or effort to account for them.

Lack of interests presupposes lack of interest. Stupid people are in perpetual danger of boredom. They are usually acutely, though instinctively, aware of this danger—and their instinct of self-preservation (from their own essential futility) makes them indulge in perpetual minor activities. Golf courses, tennis-courts, casinos, motorcars, radios, musical comedies, thrillers, slot-machines, pleasure cruises, and all the blessings of civilisation are designed for the people who do not want to face the fact that they have no resources of their own.

Thus "getting the most out of life" has come to imply for a great many people an incessant round of "entered-for" occupations and amusements.

When people achieve almost twenty-three out of twenty-four crowded hours of such inglorious life, they feel they are "living"—and their friends say in admiration that they are "burning the candle at both ends." Undoubtedly it is better to burn a candle at both ends than to keep it in the store cupboard, the chief being that you inevitably burn your fingers when the flames meet.

On the other hand, one of the most attractive facts about human behaviour is that the more people really "live," accumulating interest and experience or getting anything important done or thought, the more they live in and "of" themselves.

The higher type of human being can get adventure out of two hours in a library or a walk down a street; can find existence inexhaustibly exciting and interesting from a sickbed, change the course of literature from a chilly atle, and modify the history of a nation by a sequence of their thought—they are too busy seeing or learning by their candlelight to waste its irrecoverable riches.

Perhaps it is fortunate that the big majority of people are so busy working for money that the question of living and using life to its uttermost never becomes practical, since the people who have money (and therefore face the problem) make such a lamentable and fantastic failure of their leisure. On the other hand, since there exists a minority who have the power and intelligence to live fully, it is depressing to realise that of this minority probably only a few ever escape into activity from some necessary economic thralldom.

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It is the second-rates which are to blame. And, unhappily, so many of Hollywood's pictures come into the category of the second-rate.

Hollywood turns them out by methods of mass production. Their actors are feeble, their dialogue couched in the manner and the idiom of Chicago's "Loop" or Manhattan's Bowery.

Very shortly many of us will find we have unconsciously fallen into the language of the films if the flood of the second-rate talkie persists. In particular the Cockney, with his facility for imitation, has already fallen a victim to the slang of the screen.

Words alone will not stay this avalanche of debased English. There is only one way in which our tongue may be preserved.

The B.B.C., through its announcements, has held out a sturdy defence against the encroachments of the Bowery. It is vitally necessary that more and more pictures shall be made in England by people who comprehend the glories and the infinite beauty of our language, who will maintain the purity of diction on which the B.B.C. insists.

That appears to me indeed to be the major justification of film-production in England at the moment. And, incidentally, it's one sure recipe for success.

## CHINA MAY SECURE BIG LOAN.

### REFORM OF THE MONETARY SYSTEM.

Shanghai, Jan. 27.—Chinese banking circles believe the Finance Ministry is negotiating with the European Powers for a loan of \$10,000,000, with the revenue of the Maritime Customs and Railways as security.

The sum, it is said will be devoted to the reform of China's monetary system and the development of its



"Don't expect any cigars from the chief this year, Oscar; he just dropped about a hundred grand on the market."

## GANDHI PREFERENCES GAOL.

LIFE OUTSIDE RATHER TOO COMPLICATED.

## NAIVE CONFESSION.

Bombay, Jan. 27.  
Asked by an interviewer to-day whether he would rather be in gaol or out, Mahatma Gandhi confessed that he would prefer to be in "because being out only complicates matters, though I should like to be out as soon as our efforts are crowned with success."

Shouts of "Long Live Gandhi" from large crowds greeted the arrival of Mahatma Gandhi and Mrs. Naidu on their procession to the house of an Indian merchant where Gandhi is staying. The procession was constantly held up to enable Gandhi to receive garlands from his admirers.

The procession accompanying Gandhi was so huge that progress was made at a snail's pace. Gandhi at length appealed to his admirers to disperse. The response was immediate, but vast crowds besieged the house where Gandhi is staying. He repeatedly appeared on the balcony, and finally appealed, "If you love me, go home and spin some yarn."

## Gandhi's Conditions.

Bombay, later.

Gandhi, in an interview, said that even if after consulting his friends from the Round Table it were found that Mr. Macdonald's statement warranted co-operation by Congress, the right to picket could not be abandoned, "nor the right of starving millions to manufacture salt."

He pointed out that if those rights were recognised, most of the Ordinances would have to be withdrawn. Gandhi was of opinion that if the release of Congress leaders was to be effective, then the release of all passive resistants was a necessary condition.—Reuters.

## Indian Peeling.

London, Jan. 27.

The Government of India's appreciation of the situation, up to January 26, states that moderate opinion generally recognises that the Prime Minister's declaration of policy at the conclusion of the India Conference has created a new situation, in which all parties can co-operate to bring the new constitution to fulfilment.

The Nationalists in the Legislative Assembly have accepted the statement as welcome and gratifying, and approve of the principles underlying it, subject to further consideration after details have been evolved. They will appeal to the rest of the country in securing, modification and improvements.

The Muslims in the Assembly acknowledge the efforts of the British Government to meet in full the political aspirations of India, and accept the necessity of certain safeguards during the period of transition. They approve in particular of the Prime Minister's announcement regarding guarantees for minorities.—British Wireless.

## THE GLEE SINGERS' SEASON.

## ANOTHER FINE PROGRAMME LAST NIGHT.

First impressions of the Westminster Glee Singers were more than confirmed when they gave their second concert at the Theatre Royal last night. There was quite a large audience, which manifested in no uncertain manner its deep appreciation of the fare offered. Encores were responded to with such liberality that the programme was practically doubled, so that in all close on forty numbers were given.

Features of these concerts are the unconventional grouping of the singers, the wonderful effects produced in concerted numbers, and the high standard of ability displayed by the soloists. A special word must also be added regarding the work of Albert Green, the bass humourist, who, in the sea shanties and other items, provides excellent relief to the purely musical side of the programmes.

Last night's programme was all that could be wished, being rich in merit and with sufficient variety to suit all tastes. The Glee Singers had several numbers, notably a cycle of Old British Melodies and two very beautiful Elizabethan Part Songs, all sung with perfect taste and expression. The boy sopranos were quite good in "Love Will Find Out the Way," whilst Knox Godfrey, the boy soprano, was loudly applauded for "The Bell of Twilight." The gentlemen members of the party gave a beautiful rendering of "The Ash Grove," and they were delightfully droll in their Nonsense Rhymes. Of outstanding merit were the Sea Shanties with chorus, the atmosphere of these rollicking airs being admirably sustained, with Albert Green's funniness it-

## TRADE MARKS SAID INFRINGED.

## SEWING NEEDLES CASES IN COURT TO-DAY.

## SETTLEMENT HOPES.

Infringements of the "Monkey and Chicken" trade marks on sewing needles, for which Messrs. Reuter, Brocklemann and Co. are the local agents, were alleged against three different concerns before Mr. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning.

Two summonses were mentioned against the proprietors of two shops at 13, and 16, Kwong Yuen Street, accusing them of selling or exposing for sale, or having in their possession, sewing needles on which were applied trade marks resembling those of the complainant Company.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton appeared for the complainants and Mr. Horace Lo represented the two defendants.

Mr. Lo asked for an adjournment and mentioned that there was a possibility of a settlement before the hearing.

Mr. Marton said he thought it was a clear case and did not think there would be any settlement.

The defendants knew what the complainants' terms were, as they had had a discussion prior to coming to Court, but as Mr. Lo desired a remand he had no objections, although he asked that the hearing be fixed for as early a date as possible. The proceedings, said Mr. Marton, were a sequel to those taken to the Registrar just before Christmas and the complainants were anxious to have the marks used by the defendants removed from the market immediately.

The hearing was fixed for 11.30 a.m. on Saturday.

In the third summons against a hawker it was stated that the defendant had apparently absconded. This was also adjourned till Saturday morning.

## Further Cases.

Two summonses against the Wu Tip Company, of 148, Queen's Road, Central, alleging infringements of the "Beehive" and "B.B." trade marks on knitting wool belonging to the Patons and Baldwins Company, of 2, Peking Road, Shanghai, were brought before Mr. Lindell at the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong was for the complainants and Mr. Leo d'Almada, son, was for the defendants.

On the application of Mr. d'Almada, the hearing of the summonses were fixed for noon on Friday next.

## "IMPROVING LATER."

The anticyclone has weakened considerably. It is now central near Shanghai. Fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

The forecast till noon tomorrow is:—North-east winds, fresh; overcast at first, improving later.

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It is noteworthy that the China Talking Films Co., which is a subsidiary to China Theatre Enterprises Ltd., will use the British Acoustic apparatus throughout its studios at Lal-Chi-Kok when it begins making talkies in Cantonese and other Chinese dialects in the near future.

## Prosperity For Industry.

An official of China Theatre Enterprises showed a Telegraph representative how prosperity has swept the British talking film industry during the last few months. "Britain failed entirely," he said, "with the silent film, but the triumph of the English voice is now complete."

No longer is the industry in Great Britain scattered over a few small struggling companies, but production is now well-organised, and there will be over 300 feature-films produced in England in 1931.

Particularly are the British people concerned over the export trade in talkies. The American Trade Commission in London once made the statement that every foot of American film shown abroad meant five dollars' worth of export business for America, and the London film people are now making a determined effort to emulate the American example of making trade follow the film."

## Revolution in Few Months.

"The talkie industry in Great Britain has undergone a revolution in just a few months. Actually it was only ten months ago that the industry began to produce good talkies and good theatre equipment. You recently saw 'Atlantic' at one of the Hong Kong theatres, but it must not be judged as a modern British talkie. It was made two years ago, and, good as it is in sound and clearness of dictation, it is antiquated, compared

## TRADING JUNKS WRECKED.

## ONE LOSES CARGO WORTH \$18,000.

## BOTH CREWS SAVED.

In the rough weather prevailing within the last few days, two trading junks, outward bound from the Colony, got into difficulties, and were wrecked, in one case with the loss of valuable cargo which has been estimated at nearly \$18,000.

A trading junk, No. 1138TH, left Hongkong at 1 p.m. on Monday for Tashau, in Chinese territory, with a cargo of rice, flour, sugar and melon seeds, together valued at \$17,730. Out in the open sea, four miles south of Lantau, the junk was unable to make headway against the rough weather, and turned back for shelter.

The rudder broke, and rendered unmanageable, the craft was carried on to the rocks at Sha Lo Wan. It became submerged with in 15 minutes, but the crew were saved.

The crew consisted of six men, three women, a boy and a girl.

Just before the craft ran ashore, one of the crew, a strong swimmer, swam to the rocks with a rope, by means of which the rest of the crew were safely landed. Here they remained until yesterday afternoon, when No. 3 police launch took them off and brought them safely to Hongkong.

A police launch under the charge of Sergeant Olliver, reported having discovered another junk, No. 6674TH, ashore at Shatian Island. The craft was on its way to Canton when it met with rough weather. The crew were safe.

## FILM INDUSTRY'S NEW ENTERPRISE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

It was the perfection of the apparatus which is now causing numbers of previous installations to be scrapped.

In its new theatres, China Theatre Enterprises will use the British Acoustic system, which combined with the pure English diction of the new British films, will make talkie entertainment as perfect as it can possibly be made.

## British Producing System.

Not only does the new British Acoustic system cater for the reproduction of talkies in the theatre, but it has also been developed for the making of the actual talkies themselves in the big studios in Great Britain.

A significant fact is that up till a few months ago, the British film industry was dependent upon American methods of production of talkies. Many imperfections were found under these methods, and a commodity which was in great demand—English dialogue and diction—did not have a satisfactory vehicle for its display to the public. The result was the perfection of the Acoustic system of production, and the new methods have created a new era for British talkies which threatens to remove the centre of wealth for the motion picture industry from America to Britain.

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF CATHEDRAL.

## DEAN'S PLEA FOR MORE COMMUNICANTS.

## \$10,000 DONATION.

The Dean (the Very Rev. Alfred Swann) presided at the annual meeting of St. John's Cathedral last evening. In the course of a review of the year's work he stated that the monthly choral communion at the morning service had been very successful, the average number of communicants being 50. On the other hand there had been a regrettable falling off in the 8 a.m. celebrations.

Attendance at early service involved a sacrifice and an effort, and the attendance was a criterion of the strength of the church's life in a place. He regretted that the average attendance was as low as eleven. He appealed to the Church Council Members to set an example by attending early communion. No improvements in music, or finance or attendance at other services could compensate for this essential weakness.

Pews Being Replaced.

Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, the Hon. Secretary, presented the annual report. In the course of which he stated that the use of a part of the New Prayer Book Communion Service had been unanimously approved by the Council. He also stated that pews were being replaced by chairs as money becomes available.

The increased number at the children's service made rescaling necessary. The Dean would welcome further donations to complete this scheme.

## Financial Position.

Mr. G. S. Archibald (Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Church Council) said that the excess of expenditure over income was only \$2,410, compared with \$10,600 in 1929. Expenditure had amounted to \$40,189, this including the payment of the Rev. H. Copley Moyle's pension in sterling. Their income from investments was up, and the goodwill fund had brought in \$12,743, as against \$10,600 for new rents. The policy in abolishing new rents had, therefore, been justified. Collections had been less than expected and he appealed for efforts in that matter.

There was a small debit balance on the St. John's Review account, but it was hoped to make that publication self-supporting at future.

With regard to the budget for 1931 a special donation of £10,000, made anonymously, for use at the Dean's discretion, had been included in the income. They were asking for \$25,900 from the goodwill scheme and offertories.

With regard to expenditure alterations, placed at \$1,500, to the Cathedral Hall were to allow of a private room, very much needed for special interviews, etc.

The accounts and budget were adopted, Mr. P. S. Cassidy paying a warm tribute to the work of Mr. Archibald, which the Dean endorsed, asking the meeting not to forget what Mr. Owen Hughes had done as Treasurer.

## Council Elections.

The following were elected to the Diocesan Council: Mr. A. Cheung, Prof. L. Forster, Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, Mr. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. F. Mason, Mr. N. L. H. Ralston, Prof. J. L. Shellshar, Mr. F. Stewart, Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Mrs. P. Brindley, Mrs. Dupuy, Mrs. A. Swann.

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with the talkies produced in the last few months.

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There is such a wealth of material in British literature, music, comedy and drama to draw upon that there will be no lack of enter-taining talkies for years to come, now that the British film industry has found its stride."

The offices of China Theatre Enterprises Ltd., are located in the Exchange Buildings. Officials of the Company impressed upon news-paper representatives yesterday that no shares are being offered the public, as the required capital was subscribed privately some time ago.

Branch Offices of the Company will shortly be opened in Singapore, Shanghai and Tokyo.

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## PUBLIC MONEY VOTES.

## EFFECT OF FALL OF THE DOLLAR.

## OVER \$20,000 ASKED.

Eleven votes totalling \$21,448 are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at its meeting on Thursday. Several of these are for extra votes needed in consequence of the effect of the low dollar on sterling commitments. Amongst the items are the following:

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### INTERPORT TRIAL IN THE MUD.

### ARMY FORWARDS NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

[BY "WANDERER"]

TRIAL TEAM . . . . 3 ARMY . . . . 1

Interport selectors derived, I imagine, little assistance from this game. The pitch was in a wretched state, partly due to watering down for rugger and partly to the drizzle of the morning, while the Army forwards were not good enough to provide a test for the defence; the one part of the Hongkong team that requires the closest study.

Hedley, Eynon and Lam Yuk-ying were far too good a half-back line for the occasion. The Army attack was so subdued that Clark, Strange and Bishop had comparatively little to do and this despite the fact that the absence of A. V. Gosano robbed the Trial Team attack of much of its punch, gave the Army half-backs a chance to shine and thrust much more work on the Trial team's halves than was their lot in the previous game.

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After the change-over, the game livened up considerably, both sides going all out to score. Cicala were the first to attack and Havers just missed with a shot that grazed the top of the bar. Shortly afterwards, Lieut. Comm. Havers sent in a stinger from near the touch line that hit the side of the net. Dewey sent the Moth forwards away with a long pass to Purdy, who taking the ball down the wing, centred to Beckett, who sent in a weak shot which the goalie fumbled in clearing, the ball striking Beckett on the chest and rebounding into goal. From the kick-off, Cicala worked hard to get on even terms, and keeping the Moth defence penned up in their goal area, forced several corners which were luckily cleared, Cicala being unfortunate in not scoring.

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### EXCHANGE RATES.

|                          | Previous Day. | Yesterday. |
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| Paris . . . . .          | 123.87 1/2    | 123.89 1/2 |
| Geneva . . . . .         | 25.09         | 25.09      |
| Berlin . . . . .         | 20.42 1/2     | 20.42 1/2  |
| Oslo . . . . .           | 18.16 1/2     | 18.16 1/2  |
| Helsingfors . . . . .    | 102 3/4       | 102 3/4    |
| Athens . . . . .         | 375           | 375        |
| Buenos Aires . . . . .   | 342 3/4 16    | 343 1/2 16 |
| Shanghai . . . . .       | 1/3 1/4       | 1/3 1/4    |
| New York . . . . .       | 4.85 15/32    | 4.85 19/32 |
| Amsterdam . . . . .      | 12.06 3/4     | 12.07 1/4  |
| Stockholm . . . . .      | 18.13 1/2     | 18.14      |
| Vienna . . . . .         | 34.52 1/2     | 34.55      |
| Madrid . . . . .         | 46.80         | 47.46      |
| Bucharest . . . . .      | 817           | 817        |
| Montevideo . . . . .     | 32 1/2        | 31 1/2     |
| Hongkong . . . . .       | 11 1/2        | 11 1/2     |
| Brussels . . . . .       | 34.83 1/2     | 34.83      |
| Milan . . . . .          | 92.74 1/2     | 92.74 1/2  |
| Copenhagen . . . . .     | 18.16 1/2     | 18.16      |
| Prague . . . . .         | 104           | 104        |
| Lisbon . . . . .         | 108.25        | 108.25     |
| Rio . . . . .            | 4.11 1/2      | 4 1/2      |
| Bombay . . . . .         | 1/3 1/2       | 1/3 1/2    |
| Yokohama . . . . .       | 2.015/32      | 2.015/32   |
| Silvert (spot) . . . . . | 13.16/16      | 13 1/2     |
| (forward) . . . . .      | 13.11/16      | 13 1/2     |

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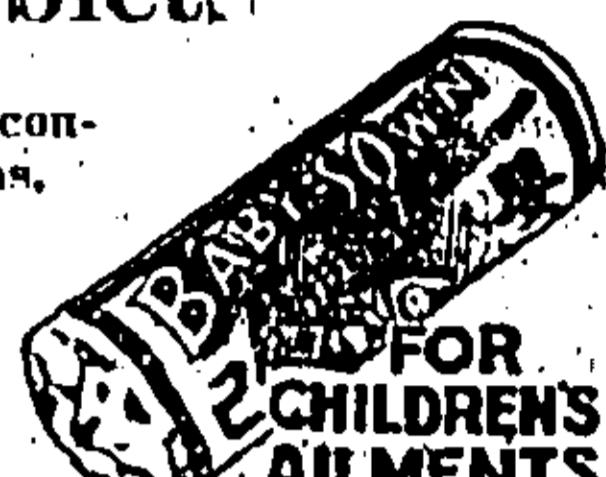
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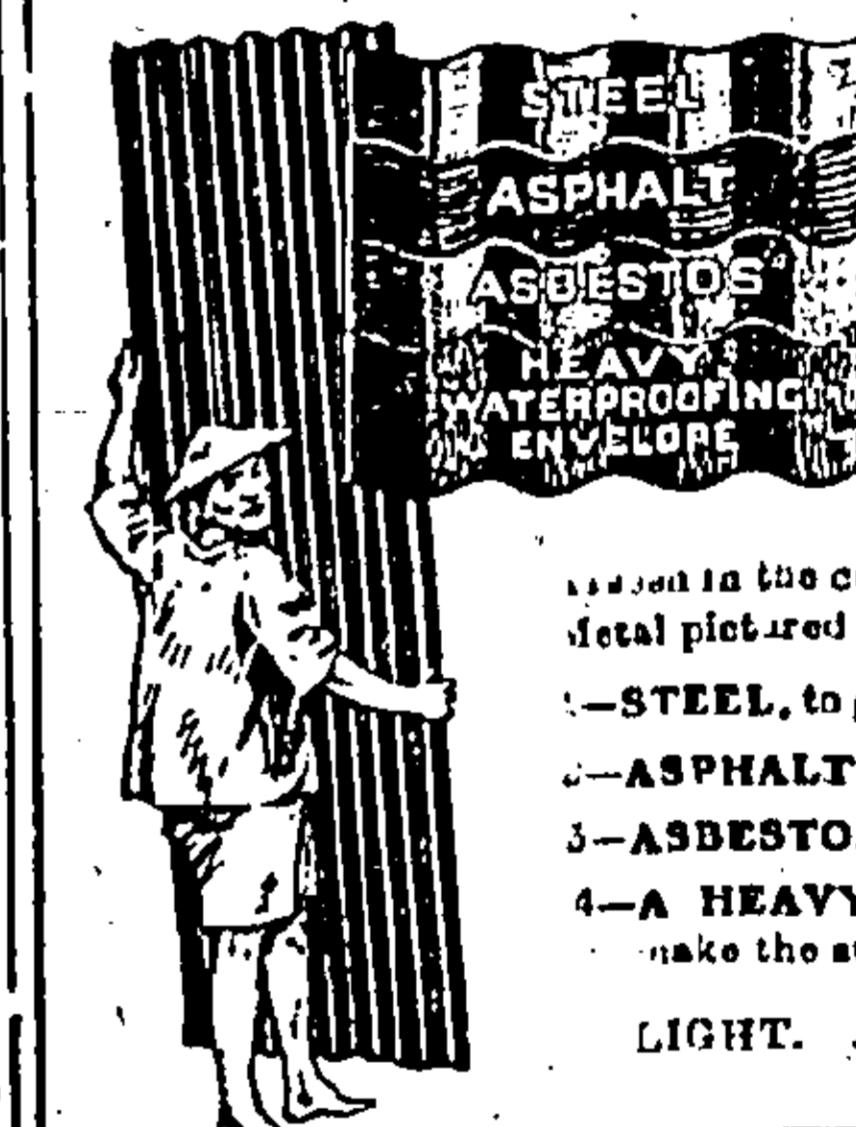
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## TO COMBAT CHOLERA.

## MILLION CHINESE TO SUBMIT TO TREATMENT.

A gigantic anti-cholera drive, planned to embrace one million people, has been organized for Shanghai's Chinese districts, says the *Shanghai Times*. Chinese of all classes and conditions will be included in the medical onslaught. Doctors with inoculation packs and sterilized needles will go out into the byways, among the inhabitants of mud huts and the residents of sampans. Travellers entering Greater Shanghai by steamer, rail or roadway vehicle will be included, as will the whole of the rural, district population, factory workers, students at the college, garrison and other troops, and even members of the Chapel, Nantuo, Woosung and other police forces.

According to Dr. Hou-ki Hu, Commissioner of Public Health of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai, ten inoculation teams, each consisting of one doctor, two advance-trained medical students and one nurse, will form the nucleus of the anti-cholera force. In addition, registered hospitals and physicians willing to offer a certain amount of time every week for free inoculations will be furnished with vaccine. Educational and propaganda work is to be undertaken by a special committee composed of representatives from the party headquarters, the Bureau of Social Affairs, Bureau of Education, Bureau of Public Safety and the Bureau of Public Health.

The City Government means to tackle the disease in a thorough-going manner. Every cholera case, it is announced, will be investigated and epidemiological data secured. After the patient has been removed from his home the process of concurrent disinfecting will be explained to the family and the necessary disinfectant furnished free of charge in cases where the stricken person refuses to leave for treatment in the isolation hospitals.

The medical authorities undertaking the gigantic task of keeping down the incidence of cholera in districts outside the Settlement have, of course, to cut their suit according to the amount of cloth at their disposal. It is estimated that 1931 operations will cost roundabout \$82,000, of which sum, incidentally, salaries are put at only \$8,000 odd. It is realized that radical steps such as extending the public water supply and improving housing conditions must be left aside for the present.

## TELEGRAPH STAFFS DEMANDS.

## OPPOSITION TO LANDING ARRANGEMENTS.

Employees of the Chinese Telegraphic Administration have formed a committee to support the National Government in its negotiations concerning the Sino-Foreign cable contracts.

Alleging that many of China's sovereign rights already have been surrendered, the promoters say that it is the aim of the committee to prevent further loss in this connexion and, in order to attain this goal, they have demanded of the Central Government that the period of cable landing rights granted to foreign cable companies by the Chinese Government should be shortened to two years only; that China should take back from the foreign companies the right of despatching and receiving cable messages; that the Shanghai-Woo-sung-Faoshan, the Peking-Tientsin-Tientsin, and the Foochow-Amoy cables, which have been lent to foreigners by the Chinese Government, should unconditionally be returned to China; and that all cable rates should be fixed by the Chinese Government.

The committee also says that China lost too much when she granted to the foreign cable companies a further extension of the

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7.45 p.m. Variety, Octet, My Inspiration Is You, Octet, Kiss Before The Dawn.

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet, 5123, Song Medley-Ella Petford.

Ella Petford (Comedienne), 205, Pianoforte Solo-A Cottage For Sale (Tobolop).

Pianoforte Solo-On The Sunny Side Of The Street (McHugh).

Fred Olding, 188, Song-Two-Two-Double Two Timbuctoo.

Norah Blaney (Soprano), 5381, Duet-The Alpine Milkman (Savory).

Duet-Shut The Gate (Sarony).

The Two Gilberts, 180, Chorus-Widdicombe Fair (arr. Weston and Lee).

The Royal Dramatic Players, 145, Duet-She's A Great Girl.

— Layton and Johnstone, 5150, Entertainer-Sing Hot For The Days Of Drinking.

Norman Long, 5159, 7.45-8.30 p.m. Orchestral, Chor & Band Music.

Connick's Cradle Song (Gretchen), 5127, Dan Connicks Choir, 9839, Cavalier Rusticana-Selections (Masenoff).

The British National Opera Company's Orchestra, 5134 & 5127, Light Cavalry-Overture (Suppe).

Court Symphony Orchestra, 42, Crown Diamonds-Overture (Auber).

Bournemouth Municipal Orch. 77, Le Bombarde (Parese).

Marche Indienne (Sellenick).

The Band Of The Garde Republique Of France, 5274.

8.30-8.45 p.m. Selections From The Talkies.

Rio Rita-If You're In Love You'll Waltz.

Rio Rita-Rio Rita.

Edith Day and Geoffrey Gwyther, 55, The Gold Diggers Of Broadway-Selections.

Regal Cinema Orchestra, 9912, 8.45-9.00 p.m. Organ & Pianoforte Solos.

Fire Crackers (Donald Thorne).

Spring Feeling (Donald Thorne).

Donald Thorne (Pianist), 5155, Rhapsody In Blue (Gershwin Khapoff, Michael).

Quantin M. MacLean (Organist), 116, 9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

9.30 p.m. A Concert.

Song-Don Giovanni (Thus Betrayed) (Mozart).

Song-Don Giovanni (Strike, O Strike).

Miriam Licitte (Soprano), 9911, Violin Solo-The Zephyr (Hubay).

Violin Solo-Valse-Bluette (Drize-Auer).

Efrem Zimbalist, 5314, Vocal Duet-Moon-Enchanted (Dowdon-Besly).

Dora Labette and Hubert Eisell, 9895, Song-Columbine's Garden (Dowdon-Besly).

Song-Little Lady Of The Moon (Weatherly and Coates).

Hubert Eisell (Tenor), 5212, 9.30-10 p.m. Operatic.

Patience-Vocal Gems (Gilbert and Sullivan).

Colonial Light Opera Co., 38, Frederica a, I Love Him So, God Has Sent A Lovely Day (Popper and Lehár).

Len Seidl (Soprano), 131, Marianne-Vocal Gems (Wallace).

Clara Serena, Francis Russell, Denk, Noble and Chorus, 9872, Rigoletto (Ville Race Of Courtiers) (Verdi).

Rigoletto (My Mistress) (Verdi).

Carlo Morelli (Baritone), 5160, 10.30-10 p.m. Experimental Relay.

God Save The King.

10.30 p.m. Close Down.

## CHINA'S POSTAGE.

## INTRODUCTION OF HIGHER RATES SHORTLY.

Shanghai, Jan. 27. To be effective from February 1, the foreign letter rates are increased by one third.

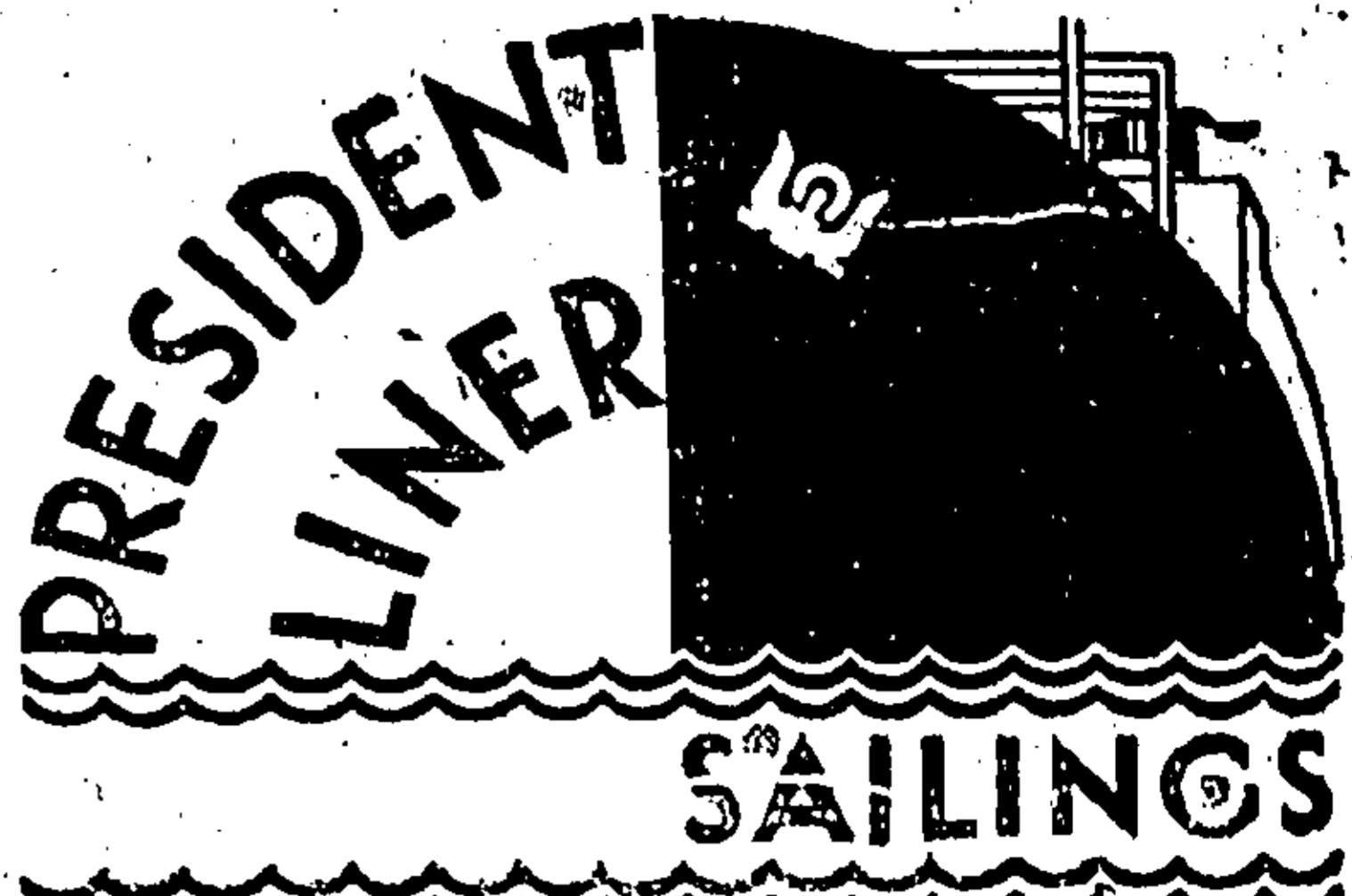
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period of the cable landing rights for this matter should be reconsidered.



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### JAPANESE WOMAN VICTIMIZED.

#### PORtUGUESE COMMITTED TO SESSIONS.

There was a court sequel to the armed robbery which took place in Kowloon on the night of January 5, when a Japanese lady, Mrs. S. Nishioka, a munichian, was robbed of \$119 in money, a silver watch and a silk purse, one Japanese chop and a key, all to the value of \$120.50, by two men, one a Portuguese and one a Japanese.

Sub-Inspector Rozekwy produced yesterday before Mr. Buttner, at the Kowloon Magistracy, the Portuguese, Anastacio Do Remedios Marques, and charged him with the robbery. The Japanese has not yet been arrested.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Sub-Inspector Rozekwy said that about 9.30 p.m. on January 6, the complainant, who is a widow, was alone on the floor of No. 58, Haiphong Road, second floor, when she heard a knock at the door. She called out in Japanese but received no reply. She called out a second time and still receiving no reply went and partly opened the door and saw the defendant standing on the threshold. She told the defendant that he could not come in and was about to close the door when he forced himself in and seized her by the shoulders. At the same time a Japanese entered and both men seized her by the neck. The defendant produced a toy pistol and demanded to know where she kept her money. She replied that it was on the table. The Japanese searched the table, but finding no money came back and squeezed her throat until she told him that the money was under a kimono on the table. The Japanese then took the money and the other articles, mentioned in the charge, from her. Both men then left.

#### Complainant's Story.

The complainant said that on hearing the knock at the door she went and opened it and saw the defendant there. She told the defendant he could not come in, but he forced himself in and caught hold of her by her shoulders and naked her not to make a noise.

She shouted out for help, but the defendant thrust his finger into her mouth. The Japanese entered the room after the defendant and both men seized her. She fell down and one of them put a potato into her mouth to prevent her from shouting out. They then asked her for her money. She said that it was on the table. The Japanese searched the table, but finding no money, returned and caught hold of her throat and demanded again where she kept her money. She replied that it was under the kimono on the table. The defendant pointed a toy pistol at her head and threatened to shoot her if she did not give them all her money. The Japanese searched the kimono and took the money and the other articles which were lying on the bed. They then let her go and she got under the bed. When she came out after some time, they had gone. She did not see them go. When the potato was put into her mouth one of her teeth was knocked out. The defendant had been on three previous occasions to engage a room. Both men appeared to be quite sober.

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### YOUNG GIRL'S DEATH.

#### KNOCKED DOWN BY A LORRY.

Sitting as Coroner, Mr. Lindell, at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, conducted an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of a young Chinese girl who was knocked down and fatally injured by a motor lorry in Queen's Road, West, near Water Street.

After explaining the facts to the jury, the Coroner informed them that the lorry had pulled up in a short distance with the child lying between the front and rear wheel, after the front wheel had run over her. A hostile crowd gathered and threatened the driver who instantly drove off, resulting in the rear wheel running over the child's body. It was very important for the jury to consider whether death would have intervened if the girl had not been run over the second time.

The medical evidence showed that the girl died of a fractured skull and shock. There were other fractures besides but, although serious, these would not necessarily have caused death.

A passenger on the lorry described how the deceased, together with another girl, ran out of Water Street and was knocked down by the front part of the lorry. It was as the driver was about to alight that a hostile crowd gathered and shouted "la, la" (strike).

As the lorry was driven off witness thought he noticed a bump. After going for a short distance they met a constable who took them back to the scene of the accident.

The keeper of a stall at the junction said his attention was drawn by the screeching of brakes. He then noticed that the lorry had come to a standstill, with the body of a child stretched on the ground near to, but in front of, the left rear wheel. A crowd soon collected. "I did not hear 'strike' amongst the cries raised," said witness.

Continuing, witness said that the driver made as if to alight from the car, but he resumed his seat and re-started the car, when the left rear wheel passed over the child's body.

A young girl who went to the same school as the deceased, said she saw the latter just prior to the accident, sitting at a stall across the road.

An Indian constable said that as he approached the spot, the driver stopped his car, and reported the accident. "He told me that he was driving away from the crowd in fear of being assaulted. I did not hear any shouts or threats to assault him."

Repeating to the Coroner, witness stated that on a previous occasion it had been reported to him that a driver, who ran over a man, was assaulted by a crowd when the police were not there.

Acting Sub-Inspector Saunders testified that he found the lorry in good mechanical order, with the brakes effective.

Mr. Butters committed the defendant to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

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### FALSE RENTAL RETURNS.

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### UNDER-STATED SUM.

The proprietor of the Nanking Hotel, of Connaught Road, was summoned before Mr. Lindell, at the Central Police Court this morning, for falsely and incorrectly giving information in the returns forwarded to the Assessor of Rates.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith appeared for the Crown, and Mr. E. S. C. Brooks for the defendant.

Mr. Brooks said he was instructed to plead guilty.

Mr. Whyte Smith said the defendant was not the proprietor or the occupier of the premises in question, but was the agent for the owner, who was in Jamaica. He apparently made the returns for the proprietor and one of the returns submitted to the Assessor was known as Form 1, which was sent in at the beginning of the year, and on that return the Assessor based his assessment as required under Ordinance 6 of 1901, Section 4 (1).

The defendant in the present summons submitted the return under the name of the principal, Chan Sun, the person in Jamaica. The rent for the premises was given as \$220, but it had been ascertained that he actually collected \$610 which he forwarded to his client in Jamaica.

Mr. Whyte Smith pointed out that the Assessor did not need to accept the figures submitted, but made enquiries and investigations before making his assessment.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Brooks said he had nothing to say. Mr. Whyte Smith intimated to his Worship that the actual loss to the Government, if the man's figures were accepted, would have been something like \$462 for the year, and those figures had been returned for the past two years.

A fine of \$100 was imposed.

### THE COMMONWEALTH TRIBUNAL.

#### MR. THOMAS EXPLAINS ITS FUNCTIONS.

London, Jan. 27. In a Parliamentary answer today, the Dominions Secretary Mr. J. H. Thomas, explained that the object of the recommendation of the Imperial Conference regarding a Commonwealth Tribunal was to facilitate recourse to an arbitral tribunal by providing for machinery whereby the tribunal could, in any given case, be brought into existence.

It was not therefore necessary for any further steps to be taken unless and until a difference of the nature contemplated by the Conference should unfortunately arise between members of the British Commonwealth, when the machinery recommended by the Conference would be brought into operation by agreement among the parties to the dispute. — *British Wireless*.

### CHINA'S RENDITION DEMANDS.

#### NEW NOTES TO JAPAN AND FRANCE.

Nanking, Jan. 27. The Nanking Foreign Ministry has prepared Notes to be despatched to the Japanese and French Ministers demanding an early rendition of the Japanese and French Concessions at an early date.

The notes will be sent to Peking as soon as Mr. C. T. Wang returns to Nanking.

Peking messages state that Mr. C. T. Wang accompanied by his wife departed this afternoon for Nanking, travelling by the Tientsin-Pukow Railway. Prior to his departure he despatched a telegram to General Ho Teh-hui requesting his presence at Nanking to discuss the Sino-Soviet issue.

### KWANGSI PEACE OVERTURES.

#### DISCUSSIONS CONTINUING AT NANKING.

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President Chiang Kai-shek has continued his discussions with the Kwangsi peace delegates and military officials now visiting Nanking.

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